

AMENDMENTS

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

METHOD FOR REMOVING THE TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR- β BY
ADSORPTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2-4 as follows:

A/ 2. (Amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein said water-insoluble carrier is a water-insoluble porous carrier.

3. (Amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein said water-insoluble porous carrier has an exclusion limit for globular protein of 5,000 to 600,000.

4. (Amended) A method for removing a transforming growth factor- β from a body fluid, which comprises bringing a body fluid into contact with an adsorbent comprising (i) a water-insoluble carrier, and (ii) a compound immobilized on said carrier and having a log P value of at least 2.50 wherein P is a partition coefficient in an octanol-water system, said body fluid being a member selected from the group consisting of plasma, serum, ascites, lymph and synovia.